

of his countenance that Iw had no hotter augury of my fate than i had. However, the enemy was approaching, and for the last three days he had solicited this Provisional Government to place a frigate at his disposal, with which he might proceed to America. It had been promised him ; he was even pressed to set off ; but he wanted to be the bearer of the order to the captain to convey him to tin* United States, and that order did not arrive. We all felt that the delay of a single hour might put his freedom in jeopardy.

"After we had talked the subject over among ourselves, I went to him and strongly pointed out to him how dangerous it might be to prolong his stay. He observed that he could not go without the order. * Depart, nevertheless/ I replied ; 'your presence on board the ship will still have a great influence over Frenchmen; cut the eables, promise-! money to the crew, and if the captain resist have him put on shore, and hoist your sails. I have no doubt but, Fonda* has .sold you to the Allies.' — * I believe it also; hut go and make the last effort with the 'Minister of Marine.¹ I went' off immediately to M. Dec.res. He was in bed, and listened to me with an indifference that made my blood buil He said to me, <l am only a Minister. Go to Fouehc ; sj.K»ak to the Government. As for me, T can do nothing. (t<x>d-night.¹ And so saying he covered himself up again in his blankets. I left him; but I could not succeed in speaking either to Foudie or to any of the others. It was two o'clock in th** morning when I returned to Malmaison; tht* Emperor was in bed. 1 was admitted to his chamber, when¹ I guvo him nn account of the result of my mission, and renewed my entreuties. He listened to me, but made no answer. He got up, however, and spent a part of the night in walking up and down the room,

"The following day wan tlw hint of that sad drama. The Emperor had gone*, to bed again, rind slept a few hours, I entered his cabinet at alnmt twelve oVloek. * If I had known you were here., lie said, * I would have hud you called in. He then gave me_f on a subject that interested him personally, some instructions which it is needless for nit*

to repeat. Soon after I left him, full of
anxiety about his fate, my heart